GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2673
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004
FOREIGN VISITS OF OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of amount spent on the foreign visits of the officers in the undertakings and organisations under the Ministry separately during the last two years;

(b) the purposes of such visits;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to minimise such foreign visits; and

(d) the likely savings in the current financial year, as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a):The break up of amount spent on foreign visits of the officers in the PSUs/organizations under the Ministry during the last two years is indicated in the statement annexed.

(b):The above visits were in connection with conferences/seminars/workshops/training etc. organized by International Organisations like Food and Agriculture Organisation, Association of Food & Marketing Agencies, Singapore Port Authority, to establish warehouses abroad and for upgradation of knowledge, skills, technology and to attract the business at various International forums in the field of warehousing.

(c)&(d) :The proposals of FCI, CWC etc. for the deputation/delegation/training abroad are scrutinized by the Ministry and expenditure incurred on visits of the officers for the projects undertaken abroad is kept within the limits of the funds sanctioned for purpose and visits are allowed to be undertaken only when essential. Savings in the current financial year cannot be quantified at this early stage.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2673 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.8.2004 IN LOK SABHA.

Statement (referred to at (a) of the answer of the question) indicating break up of amount spent on the foreign visits of officers in the Undertaking and Organisation under this Ministry.

Undertaking/Organisation	2002-03 (Rs.)	2003-04 (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
Food Corporation of India	6,03,101	4,38,708	10,41,809
Central Warehousing Corporation		21,07,000	9,59,000 30,66,000
Forward Markets Commission	-	7,72,468	7,72,468
Bureau of Indian Standards	4,39,236	22,57,188	26,96,424
National Consumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF)	1,62125	1,80089	3,42,214